

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 708

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Laura Anderson on
receiving highest academic honors at
Morristown West High School.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals
who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their
academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Laura Anderson is one such outstanding student who has distinguished
herself by receiving highest academic honors at Morristown West High School; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during
examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Laura has achieved extraordinary
academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation;
and

WHEREAS, in her laudable high school career, she has earned a rare 4.0 grade point
average, a composite ACT score of 31 and a composite SAT score of 1,350; and

WHEREAS, Laura's long list of honors includes her selection as the Most Talented
Female of the senior class and Who's Who of the senior class, her being listed in *Who's Who
Among American High School Students*, as the 1996 and 1997 Tennessee High School Speech
and Drama League Best Actress, and her receipt of the National Forensics League's Quadruple
Ruby. She also qualified for the 1998 National Forensics League Tournament, finished sixth in
Advanced Topics II at the Regional Math Contest, and placed first in Duo Interpretation at the
Smoky Mountains Invitational Tournament; and

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WHEREAS, she has served admirably as captain, co-captain and secretary of the school Forensics team, as a member of the Beta Club, as an eight-year member of the St. Cecelia Choir, as a 1997 member of the Harvard Summer School Secondary School Program, and the 1996 Governor's School for the Arts; and

WHEREAS, Laura Anderson has received four major scholarship offers, including the Benjamin Rush Scholarship from Dickinson College, the Faculty Scholarship from Centre College, the Trustee's Scholarship from Randolph-Mason Women's College and the Bicentennial Scholarship from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Laura's display of intellectual prowess and inner drive surely bodes well for future success; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for her parents and her community; and

WHEREAS, Laura's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 100th GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Laura Anderson on receiving highest academic honors at Morristown West High School and extend to her our best wishes for every success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, duly inscribed, with this final resolving clause deleted be prepared and presented.